

Superior Court of California
County of Merced
Probate Department

Probate Notes

Probate Notes for future calendars are available from the time they are created until the morning of the scheduled hearing. The Probate Examiner's Notes typically will be posted 5 days prior to the hearing. If you are filing documents to cure a technical defect, documents should be filed a minimum of 2 court days prior to the hearing. Documents filed late will not be reviewed except on the date of the hearing at the Judge's discretion and could result in a continuance of your case.

Parties intending to appear in Court regarding their hearing must notify all other parties and call (209) 725-4111 to notify the Court of such intent by 4:00 pm on the day before the hearing.

Contacting the Probate Examiner:

Probate Examiner's email address is: probate.examiner@mercedcourt.org

Emails must have the case identification information and hearing date/time in the subject line. **No attachments will be opened.** The Probate Examiner can only respond to inquiries regarding the meaning of comments in the Notes. *Please do not email to request a confirmation whether documents have been received or to request the clearing of notes.* No legal or procedural advice may be given by the Examiner in response to your email.

Questions regarding fees, forms, status of orders, Zoom links or remote appearances should be directed to the Probate Unit of the Clerk's Office at (209) 725-4111 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

The following cases are not reflected in the Probate Notes and appearances are required unless previously excused by the Court:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships of the Person
- Minor's Compromise cases before the Probate Court for approval
- Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Findings

**Questions involving Guardianships (including SIJF) and Conservatorships of the Person should be directed to the Court Investigators Office at (209) 725-4190.*

***Please note no legal or procedural advice can be provided by the Court Investigator's Office. ***

Superior Court of California, County of Merced
PROBATE/CONSERVATORSHIP CALENDAR
HONORABLE: Mark Bacciarini

DATE: Thursday, August 27, 2026
TIME: 8:15 AM
Courtroom 10

PROBATE CALENDAR

The following tentative rulings shall become the ruling of the court unless a party gives notice of intention to appear as follows:

1. You must call (209) 725-4240 to notify the court of your intent to appear.
2. You must give notice to all other parties before 4:00 p.m. of your intent to object.

Per California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1), failure to do both items 1 and 2 will result in no oral argument. **Parties who contest the tentative ruling or wish to appear remotely at a hearing must contact the clerk of the Court at (209) 725-4111 to provide their contact information for the remote hearing.**

CASE#: 23PR-00398

CASE NAME: Estate of Sylvester Floyd Hunter, Sr.

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from August 28, 2026 re: Status Review Hearing re: Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. A Status Report was filed on July 20, 2026. The Status Hearing is hereby continued to August 9, 2028 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

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CASE#: 24PR-00387

CASE NAME: Estate of Mary Navarro

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Amended Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account and For Compensation to Conservator/Guardian/Trustee

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The *Amended Petition for Settlement of First and Final Account and For Compensation to Conservator/Guardian/Trustee* is approved. A Status Hearing ensuring the closing of the estate is hereby set for December 21, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00244

CASE NAME: Estate of Helen Sue Avila

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 11, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. Recommend continuing the hearing to December 7, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10.

CASE#: 25PR-00246

PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR JUDICIAL RE-ASSIGNMENT

CASE NAME: Estate of Scott William Porter

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from December 11, 2025 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Counsel to advise the Court on the current status.

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CASE#: 25PR-00261

CASE NAME: Estate of Petra Noreiga Aguda

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from July 1, 2026 re: Status Hearing ensuring the Closing of the Estate

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

1. An Ex Parte Petition For Final Discharge And Order (DE-295) has not been submitted.
Prob Code §12250

TENTATIVE RULING:

No appearance required. The Status Review Hearing is continued to October 29, 2026 at 8:15 a.m. in Courtroom 10 to allow the administrator additional time to file the appropriate Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge with the Court.

CASE#: 26PR-00154

CASE NAME: In the Matter of the 1999 Cole Family Trust

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Continued from June 18, 2026 re: Order on Petition for Order Confirming the Beneficiaries of Trust and Modifying Trust

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

None.

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required.

CASE#: 26PR-00280

CASE NAME: Estate of Sharloett Roberta Gomez

THIS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING ON:

Petition for Letters of Administration with Limited IAEA Authority

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND/OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PAPERS ARE NOTED:

1. Proposed Letters and Order for Probate has not been lodged.
Prob Code §8006, §8400

TENTATIVE RULING:

Appearance required. Absent any Objection, the Court's intention is to grant the Petition for Letters of Administration with Limited IAEA Authority, with no bond required. All estate deposits and receipts shall be deposited into a court-approved blocked account or, alternatively, into counsel's client trust account, pending further order of the Court. Michael Wright is appointed as Probate Referee. A Status Hearing is set for March 4, 2027, at 8:15 a.m. If an Inventory and Appraisal has not been filed by that date, counsel shall file a Status Conference Statement before the hearing.

(End of Tentative Rulings)